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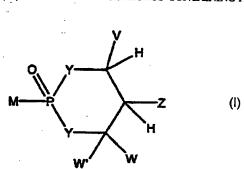
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## (54) Title: NOVEL PHOSPHORUS-CONTAINING PRODRUGS



(57) Abstract: Novel cyclic phosphoramidate prodrugs of drugs of formula (I) of parent drugs MH their use in delivery of drugs to the liver, their use in enhancing oral bioavailability, and their method of preparation are described.

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Although claims 110 and 111 are directed to a diagnostic method practised on the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Although claims 58-88, 97-109, 112-149 are directed to a method of treatment of the animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

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Claims Nos.: 58-109, 112-149, 110, 111, 167-175

110, 111: Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Diagnostic method practised on the human or animal body 58-109, 112-149: Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy

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Claims Nos.: 168-175, 89-96

Claim 89 shows a compound which is designated "formula I" but differs from formula I as shown in claim 1. Furthermore the compound of claim 89 does not contain P, but 6 binding N. Hence, the scope of claims 89-96 is obscure.

The category of the two claims 168 is not clear (prodrug or use of compound of formula I?).

The category of claims 169-175 is not clear (product or process?)

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: completely 22-26,38-41,47, 49-57; partially claims 1-21,27-30,32-37,46,48, 58-88,97-166

Compounds of formula I in which Z is H (W and V are connect or not) their preparation, use and intermediates

2. Claims: partially 1-22,27-30,32-37, 46,48,58-88,97-166

Compounds of formula I in which Z is connected to the cycle via 0, S, N (Z = 0R, SR etc.), (W and V are connected or not), their preparation, use and intermediates

3. Claims: completely 30, 31, 42-45 partially claims 1-22, 27-30,32, 35-37,46,48,58-88,97-166

Compounds of formula I in which Z is connected to the cycle via a carbon atom, (W and V are connect or not), their preparation, use and intermediates

4. Claims: partially 1-19, 58-88, 97-166

Compounds of formula I in which Z and V are connected, their preparation, use and intermediates

5. Claims: partially 1-29, 58-88, 97-166

Compounds of formula I in which Z and W are connected, their preparation, use and intermediates

6. Claims: partially claims 1-19,58-88,97-166

Compounds of formula I in which W' and W are connected, their preparation, use and intermediates

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